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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT - FRIDAY, NOV., 26, 1976

FOLLOWING IS THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM D. P,E,A,M
AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

TELEPHONED KARL BAKKE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME
COMMISSION TO:

-- REPORT OUR INTERAGENCY DECISION TO LINK THE BULK CARGO
RATE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE SOVIET MARITIME AGREEMENT WITH
THE QUESTION OF U.S. PORT ACCESS FOR SOVIET CARGO LINERS.

-- ADVISE HIM THAT I MET WITH DOBRYNIN AND MADE OUR POSI-
TION CLEAR ON THIS LINKAGE AND WE WERE NOW ASKING HIM
(BAKKE) TO REFLECT THIS POLICY IN HIS CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE SOVIETS, AND

-- EXPRESS CONCERN THAT THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
HAD RELEASED TO THE PRESS (STEVE AUG OF THE WASHINGTON
STAR) A COPY OF THEIR LETTER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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DEFENDING THEIR POSITION VERSUS STATE ON BAKKE'S NON-

COORDINATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON LINER POLICIES
I EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID A
PUBLIC AIRING OF OUR CONTROVERSY BUT IF THEY SUPPLIED
FURTHER DOCUMENTS TO THE PRESS SUPPORTING THEIR SIDE OF
THE ARGUMENT IT WOULD BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR US
TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION.

JEEB HALABY, CONSULTANT TO SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MIDDLE EAST TELEPHONED TO REPORT THAT HE HAD MET WITH
KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN AND HAD DISCUSSED THE JORDAN/SYRIA
REQUEST FOR AIR TRANSPORT RIGHTS TO THE U.S. I INDICATED
THAT THIS MATTER WAS NOW UNDER REVIEW IN THE U.S.G.,
BUT I WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF THIS
REQUEST RECEIVING APPROVAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ARDESHIR ZAHEDI REPORTING
A GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION FROM THE SHAH ON OUR
SUGGESTION REGARDING OIL PURCHASES AS REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REQUEST, MET WITH AMBASSADOR
ALIREZA TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WHICH WE MIGHT
ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE SAUDIS TO
RESIST AN OIL PRICE INCREASE AS REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF T, PM AND S/S TO DISCUSS THE
MAAG REQUIREMENTS STUDY WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF AN
SRG MEETING ON MONDAY.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED SMALL GROUP AND AFRICA GROUP
MEETINGS; MET WITH PRESS SPOKESMAN BROWN, LUNCHEDED WITH
ALAN GREENSPAN.

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